THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor, and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing and employment oriented Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozga; Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis including the State of Rajasthan *w.e.f.* 1.12.1997. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed to underemployed poor through setting up of micro enterprises and also through provision of wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State Governments.

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, the economic criteria of Rs. 465.92 per capita per month was kept as poverty line for BPL census 2003 in urban areas of Rajasthan State. Other non-economic parameters as decided by the State Government were also applied. After carrying out door to door survey for the identification of BPL population the final list has been prepared. As per this, there are 4.87 lakhs BPL families in 183 towns in Rajasthan and the percentage of BPL population in urban areas is 19.17%.

(e) As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, since inception of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), cumulatively, 47, 014 urban poor have been benefited by providing loan and subsidy under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) component of SJSRY and 23.15 lakhs of mandays of work has been generated under the Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) component.

Legistation on Street Vendors

1694. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to enact a legislation on street vendors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Street vending being a State subject, the Central Government does not have the mandate to enact a legislation. National Policy on Urban Street Vendors was, however, formulated by the Government and circulated to the State Government/Union Territories for adoption with appropriate modification, if required taking into consideration the interest of the urban street vendors and the directions/judgements of the courts in the matter.

Funds for basic amenities in Urban slums

1695. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any allocation of funds to make provision for basic amenities in urban slum areas;

(b) if so, the amount of funds allocated and released to Orissa under National Slum Development Programme during the years 2003-04 to 2006-07, year-wise; and

(c) the number of persons that benefited under the scheme in Orissa, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URABN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP), the allocation of funds was being made basically for provision of basic amenities in urban slum areas. NSDP has since been discontinued with effect from 1-4-2005. Hence, no funds have been provided since the financial year 2005-06 under NSDP. However, for integrated development of Slums through projects providing shelter, basic services and other civic amenities to the urban poor in select 63 cities a Submission on Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) was launched as part of the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 03-012-2005. In the remaining cities/towns an Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) has also been launced along with JNNURM. Both BSUP and IHSDP have subsumed Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) and the National Slum Development Programme (NSDP).

(b) The details of funds allocated and released to Orissa under National Slum Development Programme during the years 2003-04 to 2006-07 year-wise are as under:—